

August 5th meeting

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(Selected) Notes from the August 5th Meeting of the Community Work Group

In attendance: Carl, Lisa, Gary, Cal, Lisa, Cal, Libby and Chanda

Chanda had prepared an agenda and acted as the evening's facilitator. For future meetings, Facilitator's function will rotate through three people: Chanda, Gary and Cal. The Recorder's function will be a shared task between Libby and Ruth but all will be encouraged to add or edit the minutes to make it a shared task. In addition, all meetings will be recorded.

The group decided to meet weekly, at least initially, and chose Wednesdays at 7pm as the best compromise date and time for all. Our next meeting will be August 12th.

After introductions, and housekeeping issues, Chanda asked the group to consider the interim goals of the meeting (as listed below). A discussion within the limited time available ensued and revolved around such issues as our community's composition, its many-layered history, its privilege, the need for community building, and giving back. A few specific ideas were raised by a couple of individuals. These included outreach through art (Libby), attracting black-owned businesses (Lisa), possibly changing the name of the circle as well as the fountain (Gary) and running educational workshops (Cal).

At Ruth's suggestion, we assigned ourselves "homework" for next week's meeting: Everyone was asked to be prepared to present specific ideas to fulfill our Taskforce's objectives ("Community: This is to include identifying ways to educate our community (e.g. workshops, book groups) on racism, diversity, inclusion and history; cultivating community relationships and using allyship to support residents of color; business diversification; and examining names of community objects, streets, and monuments)